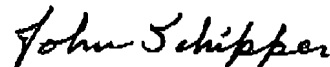


### Reply To Examiner's Remarks

Claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-19 and 21-22, as amended, and 43-44 are presented for consideration.

The Examiner has requested submission of amended claims that correspond to amended claims filed on 19 February 2003 for a preceding CPA application no. 2. In a Notice Of Non-compliant Amendment, mailed 10 December 2003, the Examiner has indicated that the following additional items should appear in the response: (1) list all cancelled claims, including claim 20; and (2) identify claims 43-44 as "previously presented." The Applicants herewith cancel claims 6, 17, 20 and 23-42 and present claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-19, 21-22 and 43-44. Please review the claims and advise the Applicant's representative if any further changes in the claims are required to put the application in proper form for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,



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